

Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting
Minutes
August 23, 2021

In attendance: Gloria Washington, Regina Hailey Smith, Debbie Billings, David Wheeler, Ariella Hughes, Michelle McDonnell, Kevin Hasinger, Kevin Kirkley, B-Linda Rogers

Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gloria Washington who thanked everyone for their attendance at the first meeting of the year.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as presented

SIC Membership & Officers

- There is one seat open for a parent representative
- The SIC election will be held virtually
- The election will be held by September 17, 2021, before the next SIC meeting
- Dr. Hasinger will post the information on the Dreher website along with the nomination form
- Dr. Hasinger will appoint the student and community representatives
- Dr. Washington noted that she and co-chair Ms. Hailey-Smith would like to continue their roles this year – but would relinquish if someone else is interested.
- Any SIC member who is interested in being chairperson should send an email to Dr. Washington
- The Chair and vice-chair is an internal election
- Last year's goals were reviewed
 - **Goal 1: School Report Card Parent Survey** – Increase the number of parents who participate in the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) School Report Survey to 75% by 2022 and 85% by 2024
 - **Goal 2: Parental Involvement** – Determine parental involvement with the school (open house, parent/teacher conferences, athletics, arts, ROTC, parent associations) for 2019-2020
 - **Goal 3: Communication** – Build an SIC presence on the school's website
- Goal 3 has been met
- New goals need to be identified by the next meeting
- Dr. Hasinger noted it will give him a chance to do an internal needs assessment

Principal's Report

- Dr. Hasinger reported the year is off to a good start
- Programs are going strong – both athletics and cultural arts have had a strong start
- Teachers are excited that the students are back in the building
- Student quarantines are creating frustration and disappointment
- Several new athletic coaches were hired for this year, including soccer, baseball and assistant coaches. Thank you to David Wheeler for his assistance with this process
- Teachers are still needed for math, Latin and SPED

- Desk shields are being implemented. The shields are back ordered. Some classes have them – others do not.
- Positions were cut at Dreher.
- Dreher was told that we would be at 1120 with student numbers. Currently Dreher has about 1196 students. Not sure what the “no-show” numbers are at this point
- ESOL has a full-time support teacher
- ESOL will be on the school report card
- Children in poverty and ESOL students will be counted twice on the school report card
- Dr. Washington asked how the quarantine worked. Dr. Hasinger shared there are two different scenarios.
 - If a student tests positive at school the nurse will do contact tracing and email close contacts
 - If a student tests positive and is on an athletic team - the whole team is quarantined
 - If a student is vaccinated and has no symptoms – no quarantine is required
- SCDHEC says if there is a cluster with a certain number of cases the school must be closed and go virtual
- Debbie Billings asked if there were other steps that the SIC could take to make sure proper information was being shared about Covid.

New Topics/General Discussion

- Debbie Billings congratulated Dreher on the Back to School Bash. It was a huge success.
- The additional demographic information on the SIC Report regarding ethnicity/race was most appreciated. Perhaps this will prompt similar reporting for other schools.
- Regina Hailey Smith expressed appreciation for everyone who helped with the teacher appreciation sweets at the end of last year. Dr. Hasinger reported the teachers and staff were most appreciative since this is not a typical SIC activity.
- Kevin Kirley noted that 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT on October 13, 2021 and 9th graders will take the Pre-SAT
- Counselors will be meeting with all seniors during the month of September
- The Counseling Department now has a tab on the Dreher website
- Dr. Washington shared follow-ups prior to the next meeting
 - Parent nominations for SIC
 - SIC Election by September 17th
 - Generate ideas for SIC goals for this year

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is September 27, 2021 at 5:30